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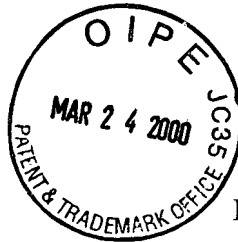
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the U.S. Application of

Thomas E. SAWYER et al.

U.S. Serial No.: 08/918,944



Group Art Unit: 3713

Examiner: Sager, M.

Filed: Herewith

- For: ELECTRONIC SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPERATING AN AUXILIARY INCENTIVE GAME

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Please cancel all pending claims.~~

~~Please add the following new claims 48-67:~~

~~Sub 21~~
D1
48. (Newly added) A device for controlling and displaying each player's progress in an auxiliary incentive game played simultaneously with a principal or primary casino table game directed by a dealer or croupier and played on a gaming table, the auxiliary game involving each player receiving bonus points during the course of playing the primary game